

I am a flight attendant with America West Airlines and highly oppose the idea of allowing cell phone usage on board an aircraft once it has left the gate. There is already alot of tension on the aircraft just from the passengers trying to get from their home to the airport, parking their car, standing in long lines trying to get through security, standing in long lines for the ticket counter or gate, being told they can't take certain items on. They are very stressed by this point. Then they are in a cramped environment for several hours. We already have to police them, as arguments and FIGHTS errupt. This would compromise our ability to keep a calm and SAFE cabin, especially if we have an emergency situation. Trying to evacuate an aircraft with everyone on their cell phone telling us "just a minute" would be absolutely impossible. Being in a small and cramped space, having to listen to everyone bellowing on the cell phone would only create hostility in the cabin. They are already getting in fights with the passenger in front of them because the seat is reclined too far! Now everyone is loudly talking -- being the "very important businessperson"! There will be fights all over the plane. We are already babysitting and policing these people! It will only get worse. I have seen people actually fist fight on the aircraft! It will never work! And we are tired of the policing that we already are having to do. It also hasn't been proven that cell phone useage does NOT interfere with navigational instruments. PLEASE DON'T MAKE OUR JOBS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THEY ALREADY ARE. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR CELL PHONE USEAGE. PEOPLE CAN WAIT UNTIL THEY ARRIVE!!!!!!!